(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the light rail traffic on the bridge, it is proposed to have a single line rail track instead of double line rail track proposed in the survey report.

(d) Does not arise.

Blast at Basanpalli Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

276. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a newly constructed railway station was blasted by the nexalities of the banned people's war group at Basanpalli, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of damage/loss suffered in the blast by the Railways;

(c) whether the culprits responsible for the blast have been identified, arrested and punished; and

(d) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. On the night of 26.12.2001, some activists of PWG blasted one room of the building which was under construction for the Railway Station at Basanpalli causing damage to signaling equipments, etc.

(b) Rs.8 lakhs approximately.

(c) None has been identified/arrested so far. The case, registered in connection with this incident by the local police/Chinnakothapalli in their station Cr. No. 87/2001 u/s 427,436 & 448 IPC r/w 3& 5 of Explosive Substance Act, Section 3 & 4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act and section 8(1) of Andhra Pradesh Public Security Act, is under investigation.

(d) Since the section between Sri Sathya Sai Prashanti Nilayam and Dharamavaram was under construction and not opened for traffic, the station building was kept locked during night and no one was available at the time of occurrence and hence no casualty.